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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 11, 2000, please consider the following remarks:

Remarks

Claims 1-14 are pending in this application. The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3, 5, 8 and 10-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,355,401 to Skinner, Sr. (Skinner). The Examiner has rejected claims 4 and 6-7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Skinner. The Examiner has rejected claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Skinner in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,623,531 to Nilssen (Nilssen). Applicants respectfully disagree with all of the Examiner's rejections.

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